

going to have to file cloture—Defense authorization bill—a motion to proceed to it. We have already filed—I don't know the exact number, I lose track of it, but 12 to 14 motions, clotures on motions to proceed, far more than were done in the last Congress just in this little period of time we have been here. Why? Because everything we move to, there is an objection.

Keep in mind what this is. It is the Defense authorization bill, a bill we have to pass to take care of our troops in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Korea, in Germany, and troops here at home. It is for training. It has a pay raise in it. It is a good piece of legislation worked on by Senator WARNER and Senator LEVIN. It is a bipartisan bill, and I just think everyone who is listening to these proceedings, wherever they might be, should understand the Republicans are objecting to going to the bill to fund our troops.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—MOTION TO PROCEED

##### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 189, H.R. 1585, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the clerk will now report the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 1585.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

##### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 189, H.R. 1585, Department of Defense Authorization, 2008.

Harry Reid, Richard J. Durbin, Daniel K. Inouye, Byron L. Dorgan, Ted Kennedy, Joe Biden, Patty Murray, Bill Nelson, Jack Reed, Debbie Stabenow, Jim Webb, Ben Nelson, Ron Wyden, Pat Leahy, H.R. Clinton, Claire McCaskill, Carl Levin.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion to proceed and ask the mandatory quorum call with respect to the motion required under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CHANGES TO S. CON. RES. 21

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, section 320(c) of S. Con. Res. 21, the 2008 Budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate levels for legislation that extends the Transitional Medical Assistance program, so long as that legislation does not worsen the deficit over the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2012 or fiscal years 2007 through 2017.

I find that S. 1701, introduced today by Senator BAUCUS, satisfies the condi-

tions of the deficit-neutral reserve fund for Transitional Medical Assistance. Therefore, pursuant to section 320(c), I am adjusting the aggregates in the 2008 budget resolution, as well as the allocation provided to the Senate Finance Committee.

I ask unanimous consent that the following revisions to S. Con. Res. 21 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—S. CON. RES. 21; REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 320(c) DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(In billions of dollars)

Section 101:	
(1)(A) Federal Revenues:	
FY 2007 .....	1,900.340
FY 2008 .....	2,015.841
FY 2009 .....	2,113.811
FY 2010 .....	2,169.475
FY 2011 .....	2,350.248
FY 2012 .....	2,488.296
(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:	
FY 2007 .....	-4.366
FY 2008 .....	-34.955
FY 2009 .....	6.885
FY 2010 .....	5.754
FY 2011 .....	-44.302
FY 2012 .....	-108.800
(2) New Budget Authority:	
FY 2007 .....	2,376.360
FY 2008 .....	2,496.053
FY 2009 .....	2,517.001
FY 2010 .....	2,569.530
FY 2011 .....	2,684.693
FY 2012 .....	2,718.954
(3) Budget Outlays:	
FY 2007 .....	2,299.752
FY 2008 .....	2,468.314
FY 2009 .....	2,565.585
FY 2010 .....	2,599.174
FY 2011 .....	2,691.658
FY 2012 .....	2,703.160

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Current Allocation to Senate Finance Committee:	
FY 2007 Budget Authority .....	1,011,515
FY 2007 Outlays .....	1,017,805
FY 2008 Budget Authority .....	1,078,809
FY 2008 Outlays .....	1,079,815
FY 2008–2012 Budget Authority .....	6,017,388
FY 2008–2012 Outlays .....	6,021,713
Adjustments:	
FY 2007 Budget Authority .....	12
FY 2007 Outlays .....	3
FY 2008 Budget Authority .....	96
FY 2008 Outlays .....	99
FY 2008–2012 Budget Authority .....	-9
FY 2008–2012 Outlays .....	-3
Revised Allocation to Senate Finance Committee:	
FY 2007 Budget Authority .....	1,011,527
FY 2007 Outlays .....	1,017,808
FY 2008 Budget Authority .....	1,078,905
FY 2008 Outlays .....	1,079,914
FY 2008–2012 Budget Authority .....	6,017,379
FY 2008–2012 Outlays .....	6,021,710

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I regret that on June 11, I was unable to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 14, a joint resolution expressing the sense of the Senate

that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people. I wish to address this vote, so that the people of the great State of Kansas, who elected me to serve them as U.S. Senator, may know my position.

Regarding vote No. 207, I would not have voted in favor of the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 14. My vote would not have altered the result of this motion.

#### OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on July 4, the Nation will celebrate the 41st anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act, FOIA, landmark legislation that has guaranteed the public's "right to know" for generations of Americans. Regrettably, the Senate will mark this very important anniversary without having passed the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in Our National Government Act, the OPEN Government Act, S. 849, comprehensive legislation that Senator CORNYN and I introduced earlier this year to strengthen and reinvigorate FOIA for all Americans.

Responsive government and transparent decisionmaking are bedrock American values. FOIA honors and helps translate those values into practice, and the OPEN Government Act will help FOIA work better in serving the public's interest.

The Judiciary Committee favorably reported this bipartisan legislation in April. But a Republican hold is delaying consideration of this important FOIA reform bill. The Senate Republican leadership has also ignored requests to debate this bill on the Senate floor, needlessly stalling these long-overdue, bipartisan reforms to strengthen FOIA.

For more than four decades, FOIA's timeless values of openness and transparency in government have ensured access to Government information. Just this week, we witnessed the great value of FOIA in shedding light on a controversial policy within the Office of the Vice President regarding the handling of classified information, with news reports that a FOIA request to the Justice Department first revealed that the Attorney General may have delayed a review into the legality of this troubling policy.

Although FOIA remains an indispensable tool in shedding light on bad policies and Government abuses, this open Government law is being hampered by excessive delays and lax FOIA compliance. Today, Americans who seek information under FOIA remain less likely to obtain it than during any other time in FOIA's 40-plus year history. According to the National Security Archive, an independent research institute, the oldest outstanding FOIA requests date back to 1989, before the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Moreover, more than a year after the President's FOIA Executive order to